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MOLINA ANNOUNCES COOLING CENTERS TO BEAT THE HEAT

<u>Triple digit temperatures are forecasted for the mountains and valleys</u> this week with temperatures in the 90s in the Los Angeles basin

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (July 08, 2008)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced that due to the hot weather, county cooling centers will be available this week for seniors and those looking for a place to stay cool. Certain county parks, community centers, churches and partner agencies are serving as cooling centers. If a cooling center is not available during the evenings or weekends, the public is encouraged to visit public facilities such as libraries, shopping malls, and parks.

WHAT: County's Cooling Centers - www.publichealth.lacounty.gov or dial 2-1-1

WHEN: Normal business hours, Mon through Fri. Some open weekends,

including County libraries

Sites Serving First District:

Alhambra: Joslyn Adult Recreation Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave, 91801, (626) 570-5056

M-F: 8am-5pm

Azusa: Azusa Senior Center, 740 N. Dalton 91702, (626) 812-5204

M-Th: 8:30am-4pm; Fri: 8:30am-1:30pm

Claremont: Blaisdell Senior Center, 440 S. College Ave, 91711, (909) 399-5367

M-F: 10am-2pm

Covina: YWCA Intervale Senior Services, 943 N. Grand Ave, 91724, (626) 858-8382

M-F: 8am-4:30pm

El Monte: Jack Crippen Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 3120 N. Tyler Ave, 91731, (626) 580-2210

M-Th: 7am-5:30pm; Fri: 8am-3pm

Hacienda Heights: Steinmetz Senior Center, 1545 S. Stimson Ave. 91745, (626) 934-7041

M-F: 8am-5pm

East Los Angeles: Centro Maravilla Service Ctr, 4716 E. Cesar Chavez Ave, 90022, (323) 260-2805

M-F: 8am-5pm

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East Los Angeles: Salazar Senior Center, 3864 Whittier Blvd, 90023, (323) 260-2330

M-F: 8am-2pm

East Los Angeles: East L.A. Service Center, 133 N. Sunol Dr. 90063, (323) 260-2801

M-F: 8am-5pm

East Los Angeles: East L.A. Work Source Center, 5301 Whittier Blvd. 90022, (323) 887-7122

M-F: 8am-5:30pm

Florence/Firestone: Florence/Firestone Service Center, 7807 S. Compton Ave. 90001, (323) 586-6502

M-F: 8am-5pm

Florence/Firestone: Roosevelt Park Senior Center, 7600 Graham Ave, 90001, (323) 586-7228

M-F: 8am-5pm

Florence-Firestone: Washington Park Gym, 8908 S. Mae Ave. 90002, (323) 586-7205

M-F: 8am-5pm

La Mirada: La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd, 90638, (562) 902-3160

M-F: 8am-9pm; Sat: 9am-3pm

Norwalk: Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr. 90605, (562) 929-5580

M-F: 8am-8pm; Sat: 8am-1pm

Pico Rivera: Pico Rivera Senior Center, 9200 Mines Ave. 90660, (562) 948-4844

M-Th: 8am-5pm; Fri: 8am-3pm

Pomona: Palomares Park Senior Center, 499 East Arrow Hwy. 91769, (909) 620-2301

M-F: 9am-3pm

Rowland Heights: Pathfinder Park, 18150 E. Pathfinder Rd, 91748, (562) 690-0933

M-Sun: 9am-10pm

South El Monte: South El Monte Senior Center, 1556 Central Ave. 91733, (626) 448-0131

M, Tu, Th, F: 7am-5:30pm; Wed: 7am-8:30pm

Unincorporated Whittier: Los Nietos Service Center, 11640 E. Slauson Ave. 90606, (562) 699-9898

M-F: 8am-5pm

City of Los Angeles:

Boyle Heights Senior Center, 2839 East Third St, 90033, (323) 264-5757 - M-F: 9-5

El Sereno Senior Center, 4818 Klamath St. 90032 (323) 222-2040 - M-F: 8-4:30

Glassell Park Senior Center, 3750 Verdugo Rd, 90065 (323) 550-8809 - M-F 10 - 5

Highland Park Senior Center, 6152 N. Figueroa, 90042, (323) 256-6866 - M-F: 8-4:30

Lincoln Heights Senior Center, 2323 Workman St, 90031, (323) 225-9339 - M-F: 8-4:30

Lincoln Park Senior Center, 3501 Valley Blvd, 90031 (213) 847-1727 - M-F:

Montecito Heights Senior Center, 4545 Homer St, 90031 (213) 485-8550 - M-F: 9-5

St. Barnabas Senior Services, 5 South Carondolet St, Los Angeles CA 90057 (213) 388-4444 - M-F: 8-4

NOTE: Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst. Severe symptoms such as diminished judgment, disorientation, pale and clammy skin, a rapid and weak pulse, and/or fast and shallow breathing may indicate heat exhaustion or impending heat stroke and requires immediate medical attention. The County's Department of Public Health tips for beating the heat:

Never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in closed vehicles even with windows cracked open.

Stay in an air-conditioned area during peak heat hours such as a mall, park, or library Check on those in your neighborhood who have limited mobility – especially seniors Wear light, loose fitting clothing with long sleeves and pants, sun screen, hat with wide brim

Drink water often

Avoid drinking alcohol – avoid alcohol

When in the sun, wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim

Don't exercise vigorously outside during the hottest hours of the day

Avoid unnecessary sun exposure

